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Examiner : John M. Cooney  
Applicant : Thomas M. Kurth et al.  
Appln. No. : 09/944,212  
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For : TRANSESTERIFIED POLYOL HAVING SELECTABLE AND INCREASED  
FUNCTIONALITY AND URETHANE MATERIAL PRODUCTS FORMED USING  
THE POLYOL

DECLARATION OF ERIC GEIGER

I, Eric Geiger, do hereby declare as follows:

1. I am the Director of Research and Development for Urethane Soy Systems Company, Inc., assignee in the above-identified patent application, and am authorized to sign the present declaration on behalf of Urethane Soy Systems Company, Inc.

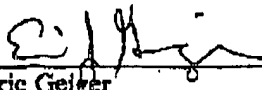
2. I have read the Office Action mailed June 13, 2005, and the references cited therein, U.S. Patent No. 5,688,860 to Croft and WO 00/15684 to Kurth.

3. It is my present belief and understanding that blowing rapeseed oil, palm oil, cottonseed oil and soybean oil increases their number of hydroxyl groups.

4. The hydroxyl groups are the typical reactive sites used in forming urethanes.

5. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

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Eric Geiger  
Director of Research and Development